

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A portable storage device having a mass storage device allows for searching and processing of data (e.g., music files, video files, photos, and text files) stored in the mass storage device. The device has a housing with a key unit having one or more keys that allow for entry of Morse code or Morse-like symbols in two input modes. A first input mode facilitates the entry of text and the second input mode facilitates the entry of control commands. Through use of Morse code or Morse-like symbols, the number of required keys is significantly reduced over the prior art. One key can perform both input mode functions, or separate keys may be provided to perform each function. Each key may be located on a side of the housing, which allows for relatively easy operation with the thumb and index finger, while the housing can be held in the palm. A wheel may be located on the housing for moving the screen contents. A screen or separate screens may be arranged on both the front and back side of the housing. An output unit may include a connection for headphones. The text entered by the key may include search terms that define the data search, such search terms being individual letters, syllables, combinations of letters that occur in the sequence in the search term, or complete terms. Also, the entering of messages, addresses, correspondence, passwords, or other written text may occur by Morse code or Morse-like symbols via the key.